

Louise B. Tew
Essential Piece Recognition Award

In the spring of 2007 after returning from her winter home in Washington, Utah, Louise brought a “Vial of Life” from that area into the West Valley City Neighborhood Services Office to inquire if the City had a similar program. This program is meant to encourage residents, particularly those who are homebound, living alone, or with special medical needs, to compile personal information and place it where it can be easily located by 911 responders in the event of an emergency. After a year of planning, West Valley City launched its own “Vial of Life” program in March 2008.

This program is easy and free to participate in and has the potential to help save the lives of residents in need of fast and informed medical attention. If first responders to an emergency call find a “Vial of Life” magnet on the resident’s fridge, they know that household participates in the program and can open the fridge door and find a “Vial of Life.” Inside the vial is an information sheet for each resident with all their medical information to help first responders act quickly.

Louise has also been involved as a community activist for many years in West Valley City. She is heavily involved with her neighborhood watch organization and the Weed and Seed Steering Committee.

Louise is an *Essential Piece* of West Valley City.